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 RDS or XDCENT. D. ~~makers~~ expressing indignation over American aggressors attempting to intimidate Cuba.

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 DECLASSIFIED ☒ 2. Report that Soviet Government statement has been transmitted by US news media but that US will not comment on it until full text studied.

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3. Report that President's "blockade" proclamation expected no later than 1800 hours tonight.

4. TASS report on President's speech (issued 12 hours after completion speech). Report is brief, about 250 words in length, and unusually free of editorial interpolations. Mentions quarantine against offensive weapons, US close observation of Cuba and growth of military potential there, reinforcement of Guantanamo, President's statement that Cuba has become important Soviet strategic base and constituted threat to peace and security in the hemisphere. Editorializing mostly by use of quotation marks.

5. A TASS roundup in English (which probably also went out in Russian) of world reaction to President's speech, singling out adverse reactions, mostly by "peace" groups, Communists. Or. / US reaction is by Linus Pauling.

6. TASS announcement of Soviet Government order holding up demobilization of senior age groups in strategic rocket forces and anti-air defenses, to cancel all leaves and raise "battle readiness and vigilance of all troops." ~~Demobilization~~ Demobilization submarine personnel also halted.

7. Convening of Warsaw Pact Ambassadors in Moscow to receive Soviet Government statement. Report of account by Defense Minister Malinovsky to Soviet government of readiness measures being carried out.

8. A Moscow roundtable of leading Soviet commentators discusses the crisis. (These roundtables have been broadcast frequently in recent months, usually on Berlin problem.) Text not yet available.

9. The Soviet Government Statement (see our IN earlier today)

10. Presumably Zorin's UN Security Council speech will be broadcast and issued in press.

11. We do not yet have report on jamming of VOA and other Western radio broadcasts but assume it is full blast. Hence Ambassador Stevenson's speech (as well as President's) may be assumed not to be available in toto to Soviet people.

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